



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC)  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES IS A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (TC). A VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE AT: <http://scag.iqm2.com/Citizens/>

The Transportation Committee (TC) of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) held its regular meeting in person and virtually (telephonically and electronically). A quorum was present.

**Members Present:**

<b>Hon. Tim Sandoval (Chair)</b>	<b><i>Pomona</i></b>	<b>District 38</b>
<b>Hon. Mike T. Judge (Vice Chair)</b>		<b>VCTC</b>
Hon. Liz Becerra	<i>Victorville</i>	District 65
Hon. Brian Berkson	<i>Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Russel Betts	<i>Desert Hot Springs</i>	CVAG
Hon. Daniel Brotman	<i>Glendale</i>	AVCJPA
Hon. Art Brown	<i>Buena Park</i>	District 21
Hon. Denise Delgado	<i>Coachella, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Andrew Do	<i>Orange County</i>	CoC
Hon. Jonathan Dumitru	<i>Orange</i>	District 17
Hon. John Dutrey	<i>Montclair</i>	SBCTA
Hon. Jason Gibbs	<i>Santa Clarita</i>	NCTC
Hon. Jan Harnik		RCTC
Hon. Laura Hernandez	<i>Port Hueneme</i>	District 45
Hon. Lauren Hughes-Leslie	<i>Lancaster</i>	NCTC JPA
Hon. Fred Jung	<i>Fullerton</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Trish Kelley		TCA
Hon. Linda Krupa	<i>Hemet</i>	District 3
Hon. Bridgett Lewis	<i>Torrance, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Malcolm Lilienthal	<i>Hemet</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Clint Lorimore	<i>Eastvale</i>	District 4
Hon. Ken Mann	<i>Lancaster</i>	District 43
Hon. Steve Manos	<i>Lake Elsinore</i>	District 63
Hon. Ray Marquez	<i>Chino Hills</i>	District 10



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Hon. Larry McCallon		Air District Representative
Hon. Marsha McLean	<i>Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. L. Dennis Michael	<i>Rancho Cucamonga</i>	District 9
Hon. Linda Molina	<i>Calimesa, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large
Hon. Carol Moore	<i>Laguna Woods</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Ara Najarian	<i>Glendale</i>	SFVCOG
Hon. Maria Nava-Froelich		ICTC
Hon. Frank Navarro	<i>Colton</i>	District 6
Hon. Sharona Nazarian	<i>Beverly Hills</i>	WSSCOG
Hon. Gil Rebolgar	<i>Brawley</i>	District 1
Hon. Celeste Rodriguez	<i>San Fernando</i>	District 67
Hon. Crystal Ruiz	<i>San Jacinto</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Ali Saleh	<i>Bell</i>	District 27
Hon. Suely Saro	<i>Long Beach</i>	District 29
Hon. Ward Smith	<i>Placentia</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Jose Luis Solache	<i>Lynwood</i>	District 26
Hon. Wes Speake	<i>Corona</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Karen Spiegel		Riverside County
Hon. Cynthia Sternquist	<i>Temple City</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Michael Vargas	<i>Riverside County</i>	CoC
Hon. Don Wagner		Orange County
Hon. Alan Wapner		SBCTA
Hon. Thomas Wong	<i>Monterey Park</i>	SGVCOG
Mr. Marlon Regisford	<i>Caltrans District 7</i>	Ex-Officio Member

**Members Not Present:**

Hon. Adele Andrade-Stadler	<i>Alhambra</i>	District 34
Hon. Konstantine Anthony	<i>Burbank</i>	District 42
Hon. Kathryn Barger		Los Angeles County
Hon. Ross Chun	<i>Aliso Viejo</i>	OCCOG
Hon. James Gazeley	<i>Lomita</i>	District 39
Hon. Curt Hagman		San Bernardino County
Hon. Heather Hutt	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 57
Hon. Paul Krekorian	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 49/Public Transit Rep.
Hon. Richard Loa	<i>Palmdale</i>	NCTC
Hon. Tim McOsker	<i>Los Angeles</i>	District 62
Hon. Ed Reece	<i>Claremont</i>	SGVCOG
Hon. Zak Schwank	<i>Temecula</i>	District 5
Hon. Marty Simonoff	<i>Brea</i>	District 22
Hon. Jeremy Smith	<i>Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt.</i>	Member at Large

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Hon. Hilda Solis		Los Angeles County
Hon. Steve Tye	<i>Diamond Bar</i>	District 37
Hon. Scott Voigts	<i>Lake Forest</i>	OCCOG
Hon. Colleen Wallace	<i>Banning</i>	WRCOG
Hon. Jeff Wood	<i>Lakewood</i>	District 24

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Sandoval, Pomona, District 38, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Hon. Larry McCallon, Air District Representative led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Sandoval opened the Public Comment Period and outlined instructions for public comments. He noted this was the time for persons to comment on any matter pertinent to SCAG’s jurisdiction that were not listed on the agenda. He reminded the public to submit comments via email to [TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov](mailto:TCPublicComment@scag.ca.gov).

Ruben Duran, Committee Counsel, acknowledged there were no public comments received by email before or after the deadline.

Seeing no public comment speakers, Chair Sandoval closed the Public Comment Period.

**REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no requests to prioritize the agenda item.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Approval Items

1. Minutes of the Meeting – November 2, 2023
2. 2024 Draft Regional Transportation Safety Targets

Receive and File

3. Transportation Committee Agenda Outlook and Future Agenda Items
  4. Southern California Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan
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5. Transportation Trends Update

6. Highways to Boulevards Regional Study

A MOTION was made (Solache) to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 2; and Receive and File items 3 through 6. The motion was SECONDED (Brown) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Becerra, Berkson, Betts, Brown, Delgado, Dumitru, Dutrey, Gibbs, Harnik, L. Hernandez, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lewis, Lilienthal, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Molina, Moore, Najarian, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nazarian, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Sandoval, Saro, W. Smith, Solache, Speake, Spiegel, Sternquist, Vargas, Wagner, Wapner, and Wong (43)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

**ACTION ITEM**

7. Guidelines for 2024 Go Human Community Streets Grant Program

There were no public comments on Item No. 7.

Alina Borja, SCAG staff, reported on the 2024 Go Human Community Streets Grant Program Guidelines. She stated the Go Human program was launched in 2015 to reduce traffic collisions and encourage more walking and biking. Regionally 1,600 fatalities occur each year, 7,000 person receive serious injuries and 140,000 are injured from accidents. With support from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS), SCAG implemented five (5) rounds of community grant funding since 2018 distributing \$1.2 million to 117 projects. A sixth round of funding is being developed through the 2024 Go Human Community Streets Grant Program. The maximum award for each project is \$30,000 and SCAG seeks to fund approximately 12 projects. The goal is to build street-level community resiliency and increase the safety of people most harmed by traffic injuries and fatalities, particularly those walking and biking. It will fund community organization projects that implement community engagement and traffic safety strategies including messaging, education, engagement activities, leadership development, community assessment or resource distribution. Potential project types include storytelling efforts regarding mobility justice efforts and/or challenging the dominant narratives of traffic safety. She reviewed the project criteria and funding timeline.

A MOTION was made (Brown) to recommend that the Regional Council and Transportation Committee: 1) approve the 2024 Go Human Community Streets Grant Program Guidelines and authorize staff to release the Call for Applications; 2) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to enter into agreements with selected awardees under this program and execute all documents incident to the agreements, including issuance of conditional award letters; and 3) authorize the SCAG Executive Director or his designee to provide a list of awarded projects to the Regional Council as a Receive & File item for informational purposes. The motion was SECONDED (Marquez) and passed by the following roll call votes.

**AYES:** Becerra, Betts, Brown, Delgado, Dumitru, Dutrey, Gibbs, Harnik, L. Hernandez, Hughes-Leslie, Judge, Jung, Kelley, Krupa, Lewis, Lilienthal, Lorimore, Mann, Manos, Marquez, McCallon, McLean, Michael, Molina, Moore, Najarian, Nava-Froelich, Navarro, Nazarian, Rebollar, Rodriguez, Ruiz, Sandoval, Saro, Solache, Speake, Spiegel, Sternquist, Vargas, Wagner, Wapner, and Wong (42)

**NOES:** None (0)

**ABSTAIN:** None (0)

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

8. National Motor Vehicle Per Mile User Fee Pilot Program

Jack Opiola, Mileage Based User Fee Program Manager from FHWA, reported on the National Motor Vehicle Per Mile User Fee Pilot Program. He noted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) directs the U. S. Department of Transportation (US DOT) to establish a Funding Alternative Advisory Board to establish a national motor vehicle per-mile user fee pilot program. The pilot is intended to test the design, acceptance, implementation, and financial sustainability of a per-mile user fee and address the need for additional revenue for surface transportation infrastructure. It will provide recommendations relating to the adoption and implementation of a nation per-mile user fee and inform future action. He reviewed the different pilot projects that have been conducted at the state level since 2000 including Oregon, Iowa, Minnesota and California. Mr. Opiola also reviewed key concerns and parameters that emerged from a congressional hearing including the ability to raise sufficient revenue to fill in the gas tax gap, system security resistant to fraud, convenient operation that is easily understood by the public, ease of administration and scaling to a national level, and the ability to provide fairness and equity. He reviewed next steps noting the results of the national pilot test will be submitted to congress for consideration for future appropriations action.

Pam O'Connor provided public comment. Ms. O'Connor reported that she was a member of the California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a former SCAG President. She reviewed the results of a recent driver survey on a mileage user-fee study. She noted that the survey indicated that a majority of state drivers support a lower fee for low-income drivers and would prefer a pay structure where drivers pay the fee each time they refuel. Additionally, a considerable part of the state TAC focusses on equity.

Hon. Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, raised concerns about equity and if it can be achieved across drivers among different economic groups. Mr. Opiola responded that equity had been explored in the 2016 – 2018 state pilot. Additionally, he noted a member of the national pilot group was an equity advocate and the process provides options to explore equity even further.

Hon. Jan Harnik, RCTC, asked if this pilot was focused on replacing the federal gas tax for both state and federal. Mr. Opiola responded that the program seeks to address the federal gas tax and fund the Federal Highway Trust Fund. However, he indicated that there was significant partnership with states to understand their state level funding and how the federal system will interface with each state in the process.

Hon. Linda Krupa, Hemet, District 3, asked if the information gathered would include trip origin and destinations. Mr. Opiola responded that the only information gathered will be the identification of the driver and the number of miles driven.

#### 9. Connect SoCal 2024: Implementation Strategies

There were no public comments on Item No. 9.

Camille Guiriba, SCAG staff, provided a report on Connect SoCal 2024 Implementation Strategies. She reviewed the basic components of the plan including regional planning policies, list of investment projects, regional development pattern forecast, regional strategic investments and implementation strategies. It was noted that SCAG does not implement infrastructure projects outlined by the county transportation commissions but partners with agencies through the administration of funding, research and establishing a vision for regional goals and strategies. Major policy areas include mobility, communities, environment and the economy using a broader lens of equity and resilience. Transportation and mobility strategies include a focus on complete streets, transit, multimodal integration, funding the system and user pricing. She indicated how to view the complete draft plan and noted that the deadline to submit comments was January 12, 2024.

#### 10. Southern California Zero Emissions Truck Infrastructure Study: Project Outreach Update

There were no public comments on Item No. 10.

Jonathan Raspa, SCAG staff, provided an update on the Southern California Zero Emissions Truck Infrastructure Study. Mr. Raspa noted that the purpose of the study was to establish a regional vision and blueprint for truck charging and fueling. Its main activities include stakeholder engagement, capturing other ongoing efforts, implementing a technical approach, vetting outcomes and assessing results. He reviewed project phases and the timeline. Efforts include Technical Advisory Committee meetings and surveys with trucking professionals, public and private stakeholders as well as focus groups of key stakeholders. Mr. Raspa also reviewed survey results noting most respondents indicated that they did not believe they could transition easily from diesel fuel to zero-emission freight transport and were less likely to develop fueling infrastructure onsite. Some respondents noted cost and lack of expertise as barriers to transitioning to zero-emission freight transport. Also, smaller operators do not have dedicated lands under their control to establish onsite fueling. He reviewed next steps including regional charging demand modeling, developing site criteria, and evaluating site typologies.

Hon. Russell Betts, Desert Hot Springs, CVAG, expressed concern about the charging time for electric trucks and the range that can be achieved on a single charge. These are significantly below what is currently achieved through diesel fuel. Mr. Raspa responded that zero-emission technology would be used firstly in short-haul situations as long-haul use has not yet been feasibly developed.

#### 11. Update on SCAG's ACP Campaign

There were no public comments on Item No. 11.

Javier Silva, SCAG staff, provided an update on SCAG's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). He noted the ACP was a benefit program managed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) which provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible unserved/underserved households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands. Mr. Silva stated SCAG received a \$500,000 grant from the FCC to launch a campaign promoting awareness and enrollment in the ACP. He reviewed the campaign's progress including development of a toolkit for local jurisdictions and participation in state and regional working groups. Program enrollment activities such as public outreach events were detailed.

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no Chair's report.

**METROLINK REPORT**

Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park, District 21, reported that Union Station was closed for repair and renovation work from December 26-29, 2023. He indicated this was part of a three-year effort to modernize the station which serves as Metrolink’s central hub. He noted that it would allow for greater train flow in the future. He also reported that preparations were underway for the 2028 Olympic games. He shared that Metrolink’s planning was being conducted in concert with the Los Angeles Olympic Games Organizing Committee (LA28) and the Games Management Executives (GME) representing transportation providers and planning agencies from across the region. He explained that about 3 million spectators were expected to attend, roughly half from outside Southern California, including visitors from 200 foreign countries. He noted that event organizers were aiming for a “car-free” Olympic Games- which means that advance planning and coordination were critical.

**STAFF REPORT**

David Salgado, SCAG staff, reported that SCAG had concluded 15 regional briefings on Connect SoCal 2024. Altogether, 229 local elected officials, city and county staff and stakeholders participated in the briefings. He shared that details and strategies for Connect SoCal were presented.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Hon. Alan Wapner, SBCTA, asked for an agenda item on inductive charging. Hon. Karen Spiegel, Riverside County, requested briefings on the 2028 Olympics and its regional implications.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Sandoval adjourned the meeting of the Transportation Committee at 11:20 a.m.

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MEMBERS	CITY	Representing	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Andrade-Stadler, Adele	Alhambra	District 34					1	1			
Anthony, Konstantine	Burbank	District 42	1	1							
Barger, Kathryn		Los Angeles County		1							
Becerra, Liz	Victorville	District 65	1	1			1	1		1	
Berkson, Brian	Jurupa Valley, Pres. Appt.	Member at Large	1	1			1	1		1	
Betts, Russell	Desert Hot Springs	CVAG		1			1	1		1	
Brotman, Daniel	Glendale	AVCJPA					1	1		1	
Brown, Art	Buena Park	District 21	1	1			1	1		1	
Chun, Ross	Aliso Viejo	OCCOG	1	1				1			
Delgado, Denise	Coachella, Pres. Appt.	Member at Large	1	1						1	
Do, Andrew	Orange County	CoC	1	1			1	1		1	
Dumitru, Jonathan	Orange	District 17		1			1			1	
Dutrey, J. John	Montclair	SBCTA	1	1			1	1		1	
Gazeley, James	Lomita	District 39	1	1			1	1			
Gibbs, Jason	Santa Clarita	NCTC		1			1			1	
Hagman, Curt		San Bernardino County	1	1			1				
Harnik, Jan		RCTC	1	1			1	1		1	
Hernandez, Laura	Port Hueneme	District 45		1			1			1	
Hughes-Leslie, Lauren	Lancaster	NCTC JPA						1		1	
Hutt, Heather	Los Angeles	District 57									
Judge, Mike		VCTC	1	1			1	1		1	
Jung, Fred	Fullerton	OCCOG	1	1			1	1		1	
Kelley, Trish		TCA	1	1			1	1		1	
Krekorian, Paul	Los Angeles	District 49/Public Transit Rep.									
Krupa, Linda	Hemet	District 3	1	1			1	1		1	
Lewis, Bridgett	Torrance, Pres. Appt.	Member at Large		1				1		1	
Lilienthal, Malcolm	Hemet	WRCOG	1	1			1			1	
Loa, Richard	Palmdale	NCTC		1							
Lorimore, Clint	Eastvale	District 4	1	1			1	1		1	
Mann, Ken	Lancaster	District 43	1	1			1	1		1	
Manos, Steve	Lake Elsinore	District 63	1	1			1	1		1	
Marquez, Ray	Chino Hills	District 10	1	1			1	1		1	
McCallon, Larry		Air District Representative					1	1		1	
McLean, Marsha	Santa Clarita, Pres. Appt.	Member at Large	1	1			1	1		1	
McOsker, Tim	Los Angeles	District 62					1				
Michael, L. Dennis	Rancho Cucamonga	District 9	1	1						1	
Molina, Linda	Calimesa, Pres. Appt.	Member at Large	1	1				1		1	
Moore, Carol	Laguna Woods	OCCOG	1	1			1	1		1	
Najarian, Ara	Glendale	SFVCOG	1	1			1	1		1	
Nava-Froelich, Maria		ICTC	1	1			1	1		1	
Navarro, Frank	Colton	District 6		1			1	1		1	
Nazarian, Sharona	Beverly Hills	WSCCOG	1	1			1	1		1	
Rebollar, Gil	Brawley	District 1	1	1						1	
Reece, Ed	Claremont	SGVCOG	1	1			1	1			
Regisford, Marlon	Caltrans District 7	Ex-Officio Member								1	
Rodriguez, Celeste	San Fernando	District 67						1		1	
Ruiz, Crystal	San Jacinto	WRCOG	1				1	1		1	
Saleh, Ali	Bell	District 27	1	1			1	1		1	
Sandoval, Tim	Pomona	District 38	1	1			1	1		1	

Saro, Suely	Long Beach	District 29	1	1				1	
Schwank, Zak	Temecula	District 5	1	1		1	1		
Simonoff, Marty	Brea	District 22	1	1		1	1		
Smith, Jeremy	Canyon Lake, Pres. Appt.	Member at Large							
Smith, Ward	Placentia	OCCOG	1	1		1		1	
Solache, Jose Luis	Lynwood	District 26	1			1	1	1	
Solis, Hilda		Los Angeles County							
Speake, Wes	Corona	WRCOG	1	1		1	1	1	
Spiegel, Karen		Riverside County		1		1	1	1	
Sternquist, Cynthia	Temple City	SGVCOG	1	1		1	1	1	
Tye, Steve	Diamond Bar	District 37		1			1		
Vargas, Michael	Riverside County	CoC		1		1	1	1	
Voigts, Scott	Lake Forest	OCCOG		1		1			
Wagner, Don		Orange County	1	1		1	1	1	
Wallace, Colleen	Banning	WRCOG	1	1			1		
Wapner, Alan		SBCTA	1	1		1	1	1	
Wong, Thomas	Monterey Park	SGVCOG	1	1		1	1	1	
Wood, Jeff	Lakewood	District 24				1	1		